

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants hereby amend the specification as follows to reflect the changes to the drawings required by the Examiner:

Please add the following line after line 30 on page 2 of the application:

FIG. 15A is a detail cross-sectional view of the discharge outlet of the apparatus; and

Please replace paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 14 (beginning on line 5) with the following two paragraphs:

In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, the heater 210 is positioned in the discharge duct 158 in a location corresponding with the straight portion 166 of the discharge duct 158 such that the heater 210 (and more precisely, the heating element of the heater 210) is shielded from the discharge outlet 174 by at least one interior wall of the discharge duct 158. In other words, if the discharge outlet 174 were to define an imaginary “cylinder” 224 extending in a direction normal from the discharge outlet 174, heater 210 (or at least the heating element of the heater 210) would lie outside of the imaginary cylinder 224. As used herein, the term “cylinder” does not imply any particular cross-sectional shape (it being understood that a “cylinder” as used herein can have any cross-sectional shape). The heater 210 is positioned in such a location that any element falling from the heater 210 will impact an interior wall (i.e., the third wall 194) of the fan housing 134 when the apparatus 10 is installed such that the discharge outlet 174 is parallel or substantially parallel with a horizontal or vertical surface (e.g., ceiling or vertical wall). By impacting the third wall 194, there is a decreased likelihood that such an element will exit the discharge outlet 174.

By virtue of the shape of the discharge outlet 174 and discharge duct 158, the heater 210 is also positioned such that an imaginary cylinder 225 extending along the discharge duct at the location of the heater 210 (i.e., extending in a direction parallel to the walls of the discharge duct 158 surrounding the heater 210) does not exit the discharge outlet 174. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment for example, the imaginary cylinder ~~would extend~~ 225 extends to and intersects an interior wall of the discharge elbow 170.